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## **TOP CHEF PARTICIPANT, KENNY GILBERT, COOKING AT HOMESTEAD HARVEST AT WHISPER CREEK FARM. TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

### *Top Regional Chefs Unite for a Charitable Farm to Table Event*

ORLANDO, Fla., Sept. 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --

Highball & Harvest of The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes offers a sophisticated take on southern fare with the signature refinement of The Ritz-Carlton. Through its partnership with Fleet Farming, Highball & Harvest will host its first annual Homestead Harvest dinner to raise funds to bring awareness to sustainable agriculture. Kicking off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, Homestead Harvest at Whisper Creek Farm will highlight some of Florida's most talented chefs at the Grande Lakes Orlando's very own farm.

For \$135 per person, guests will have the opportunity to indulge in an outdoor feast featuring gourmet dishes highlighting fresh ingredients provided by Frog Song Organics. This one-night-only event is a collaborative dinner to bring awareness to Fleet Farming and their mission to shift how Orlando eats. Fleet Farming strives to reduce the environmental impact of food production through a pedal-powered, hyper local urban farming model that creates a culture of health and vibrant ecosystems by: teaching an intergenerational fleet of volunteers how to grow their own food, activating and re-engaging the community through biweekly Swarm Rides and creating a breathe free and biodiverse environment through emissions-free, organic farming.

"Raising money for an organization focused on sustainable agriculture and gathering some of the best chefs in the state of Florida was the inspiration behind creating Homestead Harvest," says Chef Peter Zampaglione.

"Each participating chef practices the belief that guests should consume responsibly sourced and local ingredients, and we really wanted to focus on that."

The Highball & Harvest team will be joined by local talent including Kathleen Blake of The Rusty Spoon, James Petrakis of The Ravenous Pig, Kevin Fonzo previously of K Restaurant, Austin Boyd of The Osprey Tavern, Kenny Gilbert of Gilbert's Underground Kitchen and many more. Guests can also expect live music by Brocato Entertainment. Beverage pairings will also be available with beer, cocktails and wine by Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Tito's Vodka, Big Storm Brewing Co. and Icelandic Water.

**For ticket information and a complete list of participating restaurants and sponsors, please visit [www.HomesteadHarvestatWCF.com](http://www.HomesteadHarvestatWCF.com).**

#### About Highball & Harvest

Highball & Harvest at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes combines rustic authenticity with Ritz-Carlton refinement to feature interactive dining, a novel rail-road inspired design, handcrafted cocktails and a creative menu. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Highball & Harvest offers Low Country and Cajun inspired dishes infused with local Floridian citrus flavors using ingredients from local purveyors and the 7,000-square-foot on-site farm at Whisper Creek Farm. Complementing its fine dining cuisine, Highball & Harvest offers Central Florida's largest selection of wines from the cask, which ensures perfect temperature and freshness, and an interactive cocktail table complete with a high-end Japanese ice saw and Whisper Creek Farm fruits and herbs. For more information and reservations please call (407)393-4422 or visit our [website](#). Highball & Harvest is located at 4012 Central Florida Parkway Orlando, Florida 32837. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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